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ADDRESS WHICH SHOWED THAT ONLY EIGHT PERCENT OF THOSE INTERVIEWED

HAD A POSITIVE REACTION TO THE SPEECH. END SUMMARY.

OFFICERS OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARGENTINE

ARMED FORCES BELIEVE THAT ARGENTINE ARMY CORPS COMMANDERS

WILL SEEK A CONFRONTATION WITH PRESIDENT JORGE RAFAEL

DURING THE WEEK OF 4 DECEMBER AND POSSIBLY FORCE

HIM TO RESIGN FROM OFFICE.

THE ECONOMIC ... ROLICIES OF DR. JOSE

O Z. MINISTER OF ECONOMY WOULD BE THE OSTENSIBLE REASON FOR THE CONFRONTATION.

MAJOR GENERAL CARLOS GUILLERMON'S U A

M E N E N D E Z, COMMANDER OF THE THIRD CORPS; MAJOR GENERAL

JOSE Q U E R O, COMMANDER OF THE FIFTH CORPS, AND

COMMANDER OF THE FIRST CORPS; MAJOR GENERAL LUCIANO

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THE MILITARY INSTITUTES, CONSIDER THESE POLICIES DISASTROUS.

JOINT GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT VIDELA WOULD

RESIGN RATHER THAN FIRE MARTINEZ DE HOZ. THEY ALSO BELIEVE
THAT IN THE EVENT OF VIDELA'S FORCED RESIGNATION, SUAREZ MASON

-WOULD REPLACE HIM AS PRESIDENT AND MENENDEZ WOULD REPLACE

LT. GENERAL ROBERTON I O L A. AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE

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ARGENTINA IS UNSUCCESSFUL IN TYING THE SCORE, IT WILL RESORT
TO MILITARY ACTION AND CHILE WOULD THEN LOSE.

4. ON 24 NOVEMBER 1978, SIDE CONDUCTED A SECRET POLL

ARGENTINA IS NOW CATCHING UP AND LOOKING FOR A TIE.

OF MARTINEZ DE HOZ. VIDELA COMPARED THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE
TO A SOCCER MATCH IN WHICH CHILE BUILT UP AN EARLY LEAD AND

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TO JUDGE PUBLIC REACTION TO VIDELA'S 23 NOVEMBER NATIONWIDE

ADDRESS. THIS WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF.

OF THOSE INTERVIEWED ONLY EIGHT PERCENT HAD A POSITIVE REACTION

TO THE SPEECH. APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT WERE NOT SATISFIED

AND 17 PERCENT EXPRESSED NO OPINION.

5. THE CONCLUSIONS REGARDING A PROBABLE CONFRONTATION
BETMEEN THE CORPS COMMANDERS AND PRESIDENT VIDELA WERE REACHED

BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF.

PRESENT WERE LEONE, TERRILLE, COLONEL HORACIO OSCAR PROCOLONEL FRANCISCO OMAGO TO A S A L D U A, COLONEL PARDO

COLUMN FRANCISCO UMARENE A S A L D O A, EULONEL PARDO

ARGENTION O L I V A, A NAVY COMMANDER IN THE MARINE CORPS AND
TWO CIVILIAN ADVISORS TO BRIGADIER GENERAL RAMON C A M P S,

J-2 OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF. COMMENT: ON THE

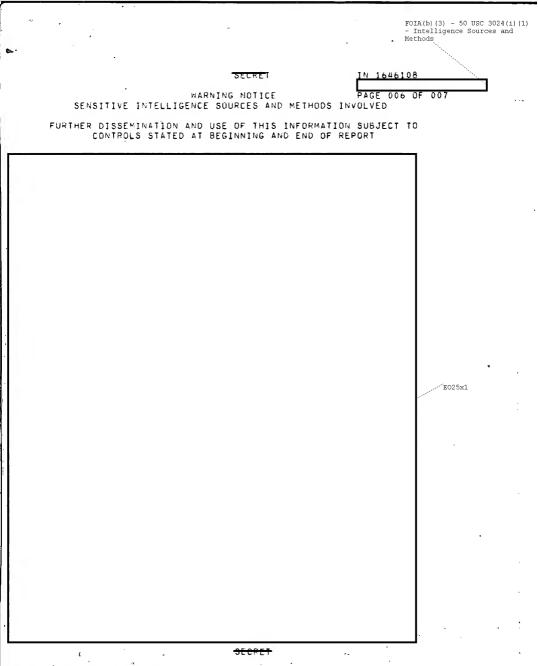
BASIS OF COMMENTS MADE DURING THE DISCUSSION IT IS APPARENT

THAT VIDELA HAS LOST THE SUPPORT OF BOTH THE ARMY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THAT HIS REMOVAL IS LIKELY FOR INTERNAL

REASONS RATHER THAN FOR HIS POSITION ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL

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